

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

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LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING

*Copy of a letter from the Director of the Mint requesting appropriations for the U. S. assay office at Boise City, and for the mint at Denver.*

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT,  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,  
Washington, D. C., January 11, 1895.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith copy of a letter from the Director of the Mint, requesting that, on account of the increased deposits of gold, an appropriation of \$1,000 be procured to supply a deficiency in the appropriation for contingent expenses, including labor at the United States assay office, Boise City, Idaho, and also of \$2,000 for contingent expenses and \$800 for wages of workmen of the United States mint at Denver, Colo., for the current fiscal year, and I recommend that the same be given favorable consideration in the urgency deficiency bill now pending.

Respectfully, yours,

J. G. CARLISLE, *Secretary.*

The PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT,  
BUREAU OF THE MINT,  
Washington, D. C., January 10, 1895.

SIR: I have the honor to request that you will procure an appropriation of \$1,000 to supply a deficiency in the appropriation for contingent expenses, including labor, of the assay office at Boise City, Idaho, for the current fiscal year.

This appropriation is made necessary by the increased deposits of gold at that institution, and in further explanation of the same I

inclose herewith copy of a letter from the assayer in charge of that institution.

I have also to request that you will procure an appropriation of \$800 to supply a deficiency in the appropriation for wages of workmen, and \$2,000 to supply a deficiency in the appropriation for contingent expenses of the United States mint at Denver, Colo., for the current fiscal year. The deposits at this institution for the first six months ending December 31, 1893, were \$1,195,230; for the six months ending June 30, 1894, \$2,025,876, and for the six months ending December 31, 1894, \$3,591,062. There is every indication that the deposits of gold at this institution for the balance of the current fiscal year will exceed those of the first six months of the year, and to enable the mint to melt and make prompt returns to the depositors it is necessary that an appropriation of \$800 should be made to supply the deficiency in the appropriation for wages of workmen for the current fiscal year.

The appropriation for contingent expenses of the mint at Denver for the current fiscal year, as contained in the legislative, executive, and judicial appropriation bill, is \$4,000, but owing to the largely increased deposits of gold bullion at that institution the expenditures for the first six months of the fiscal year for necessary supplies aggregated \$3,600, leaving a balance of only \$400 to purchase the supplies required during the remainder of the year, which sum is entirely inadequate.

I inclose herewith a copy of a letter from the assayer in charge of the mint at Denver, showing the necessity of the deficiency appropriations asked for.

Respectfully, yours,

R. E. PRESTON,  
*Director of the Mint.*

Hon. JOHN G. CARLISLE,  
*Secretary of the Treasury, Washington, D. C.*

UNITED STATES ASSAY OFFICE AT BOISE CITY, IDAHO,  
*Office of the Assayer in Charge, December 12, 1894.*

SIR: I have the honor to request that you submit to Congress a deficiency estimate of \$1,000 on account of the appropriation for incidental and contingent expense, including labor, for the support of this institution for the current fiscal year.

In substantiation of the apparent deficit I beg to submit the following:

There has been necessarily expended during the first five months of the year from this appropriation \$3,827.13, or at the rate of \$9,185.04 for the year, and as the amount appropriated on this account is only \$8,000, the shortage is very apparent. These conditions arise from the increased work being done, and the anticipated further increase during the next calendar year. The number of deposits of bullion and assays made in this office during the first five months of the current fiscal year is 2,118, as against 1,463 during the same period of last year, being an increase of nearly 50 per cent.

Furthermore, as our appropriation has been reduced \$1,000 from the amount allowed for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1893, we were already running under full tension. The estimate for the remainder of this year is made on the most conservative basis, and unless a deficiency appropriation is obtained I shall be compelled to reduce the working force, though the present force has been and are overworked in taking care of the business.

I will thank you to recommend and urge the passage of this appropriation.

Respectfully, yours,

F. F. CHURCH,  
*Assayer in charge.*

Hon. R. E. PRESTON,  
*Director of the Mint, Washington, D. C.*

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES AT DENVER,  
*Office of the Assayer in Charge, December 10, 1894.*

SIR: I have the honor to ask that a deficiency appropriation, or prospective deficiency, be made for the benefit of this institution for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1895.

The \$4,000 appropriated for contingent expenses will not suffice to purchase necessary supplies due to the greatly increased work, although rigid care has been uniformly exercised.

To date we have received for contingent expenses, upon requisitions monthly, \$3,126, and with December's bills unpaid this fund's balance is but \$472.72. I think we will be able to liquidate all contingent expenses up to June 30, 1895, with an additional \$2,000.

Press dispatches state that two additional clerks, at salaries of \$1,500 and \$1,400, respectively, have been recommended for the next fiscal year. I appreciate this deserved consideration for the office, but would deem it wise if appropriation could be had enabling the appointments to these places January 1. We are in need of this additional help at once.

Respectfully, yours,

W. J. PUCKETT,  
*Assayer in Charge.*

Hon. R. E. PRESTON,  
*Director of the Mint, Washington, D. C.*

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